Mineral King District Association

Board of Directors

Minutes of the
Mineral King District Association
Board of Directors
Saturday, August 6, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ingram at 9:40 AM at the Reynolds cabin. Present were Jim Barton, Mark Bissiri, James Blair, Sharon Devol, Stuart Hendricks, Jim Ingram, Jean Koch, Ben Koontz, Bill Martin, Brad Meyer, and Les Reynolds.

Treasurer's Report is attached.

Agenda for the MKDA general meeting was discussed and corrected.

Mark Bissiri was suggested as a **nominee** for the 1994-95 Board of Directors.

A suggestion was made to meet with the National Park Service (NPS) to make a list of **cabin guidelines**, especially in regards to bears. The MKDA Board could work with the NPS, or come up with our own ideas and submit for approval and suggestions. Included could be citing examples of problems that occur because of violations of rules. Possible distribution ideas were: handed out at Lookout Point, mailed to MKDA membership, mailed to cabin users, and/or posted in cabins.

The NPS is bringing up an **appraiser** some time this summer. Nothing more is known about the details, nor of the NPS's intent for doing so.

Ruth Shepherd will make an announcement at the general meeting regarding a meeting at her cabin on the **Legislative Action Committee**.

There was miscellaneous discussion on the "**compatibility of cabins**," the NPS expressed purpose, the future of Mineral King, and the relationship of the cabins with the NPS. Some of the key points were:

Maintain a rapport with the NPS at every level.
Be aware of the "larger picture" in NPS projects and responsibilities.
According to NPS, there are no plans to increase facilities and usage of the Mineral King Valley.
NPS mandate is to preserve environment.
Input into the planning process is the key.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Devol

Sharon Devol, Secretary of the Mineral King District Association

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MINERAL KING DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
August 6, 1994

January 18, 1994

Savings Account		$ 1,868.22
Checking Account		2,231.41
Accounts combined to Checking	Total	$ 4.099.63

Expenses to date

Copies, printing, postage, etc.	$ 316.91
Winter Security	965.00
Three Rivers Disposal	245.00
Total	$ 1526.91

Interest to date	$ 18.16
Dues/Security deposit (July 25,1994)	1,040.00

Balance as of August 1,1994 $ 3,630.88

Respectfully submitted,

Les Reynolds

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Treasurer
MKDA

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The meeting was **called to order** by President Jim Ingram at 11:10 AM at the Barton cabin.

Motion by Richard Koch to approve the **minutes** from the 1993 Mineral King District Association (MKDA) meeting. Approved by acclimation. Copies of the minutes are available from the Secretary, Sharon Devol.

The **sign-up sheet** that was passed around is on file. Seventy three were counted in attendance.

Trash Report (Les Reynolds):
Conserve space in the dumpster; recycle; break down cardboard boxes; avoid the need for "Dumpster Dances."

Treasurer's Report

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Expenses to date (8/6/94)		
Three Rivers Disposal	$245.00	
Copies, printing, postage	$316.91	
Winter Security	$965.00	
Total	$1,526.91	
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Dues, Security deposits (as of 7/25/94)		$1,040.00
Balance as of August 1, 1994		$3,630.88

The checking and savings accounts were combined to avoid services charges, per last year's motion. Payment for winter security is encouraged for each cabin.

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Stuart Hendricks gave the proposed **slate of officers** for 1994-95:

President, Jim Ingram
Vice-President, Stuart Hendricks
Secretary, Sharon Devol
Treasurer, Les Reynolds
National Park Service (NPS) Liaison, Jim Barton (*ex officio*)
Mineral King Preservation Society Liaison, Bill Martin (*ex officio*)
Board Members Mark Bissiri, James Blair, Ben Koontz, Jean Koch, Brad Meyer, Stony Savage, and Dan Voelz

Motion made by Lorine Willard to accept the proposed slate of officers, second by Margaret Becker. Motion passed.

Linda Wallace, NPS, was introduced, and, in turn, introduced Tom Tschohl, the **new District Ranger**.

Tom Tschohl explained about the smoke seen in the area, and informational sheets were passed around (copy on file). The fires were started by lightening strikes, and are part of the **Prescribed Burn Program**. The two closest to Mineral King are White Chief and Empire Mine areas. A Prescribed Burn was also done down the road last December. All historic areas were taken into consideration for the Prescribed Burn Program, and will be protected.

Linda Wallace gave her report:

Eight **bears** have been spotted in the MK Valley, probably due to drought. An estimated 10 bears will be in the valley by the end of August.

Please take down all **hummingbird feeders**; the sweet water attracts the bears. Also, no birdseed, salt licks, any animal- attracting item.

A **new law** states that no one may ride in the back bed of a pick-up truck.

Marmots are bad this year because of a mild winter. The NPS is considering burning around the Sawtooth parking lot to provide nutrients and therefore avoiding problems with Marmots chewing on other items. If anyone wants to battle the Marmots, talk to NPS personnel; do not take matters in your own hands.

Someone left four young kittens at the Ranger Station. All have prospective homes, fortunately.

Tom Tschohl brought about 40 copies of the NPS **Comprehensive Management Plan** for MKDA members. Copies are available from Jim Ingram. This Management Plan is open to revision. He then took questions from the membership.

Ruth Shepherd announced a meeting at her cabin, East Mineral King #10, regarding the **Legislative Action Committee**. Sunday morning, August 7, 1994, 9:00 AM. All are invited.

John Elliott from the **Mineral King Preservation Society** (MKPS) gave his report.

The new Merchandise Chair is Jana Botkin.

Renewal and new memberships are encouraged.

Work on the Historic Registration continues. Current work is being done on compiling a family history of Mineral King. The MKPS will be asking for input from cabins; hopefully each cabin will designate someone to compile the history. Family trees should be included.

Historical signs for each cabin have been well received. Brochures will be printed next year of historic sites in Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park.

The MKPS was invited to a NPS training workshop entitled, "Preserving Historic and Cultural Landscapes of the West," to be held later this month in San Francisco. MKDA membership invited to attend.

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Announcements:

The new Board of Directors for 1994-95 was introduced.

The Mineral King Water Association will meet at 3:30 PM at the Ewen cabin.

No more is known of the NPS assessment of the cabins that was announced in the MKDA newsletter. Concern was raised about the criteria that will be used, input from permittees, and involving the MKDA and/or its Board in the process. A suggestion was made to include Alan Ewen in the appraisal process to act as a liaison between the permittees and the NPS.

New Business:

A request was made to free the river dams, especially by the Cold Springs Campground bridge. At the end of the season when the water level is low, algae forms in the stagnant pools, plants collect and rot, etc.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Devol

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Secretary, Mineral King District Association

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MKDA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
SAT AUG 6, 1994

1. CALL TO ORDER: SPECIFIC ASSOC BUSINESS
   MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING AVAILABLE ======> JIM

1.1 TRASH REPORT ======> LES REYNOLDS

1.2 WINTER SECURITY REPORT ======> JIM BARTON

1.3 TREASURER'S REPORT ======> LES REYNOLDS
   ACCOUNT STATUS
   DUES

1.4 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS ======> STEWART HENDRICKS

   PRES -- JIM INGRAM
   VICE -- STUART HENDRICKS
   SECRETARY -- SHARON DUVAL
   TREAS -- LES REYNOLDS
   XO NPS LIAISON -- JIM BARTON
   XO MKPS " -- BILL MARTIN
   MEMBERS -- JAMES BLAIR
   -- BEN KOONTZ
   -- JEAN KOCH
   -- BRAD MEYER
   -- STONEY SAVAGE
   -- DAN VOELZ

   NEW MEMBERS / RESIGNATIONS

2. NPS REPORT STAFF INTRO ======> LINDA WALLACE
   NATURAL BURNS TOM SCHOELL
   GATE PROBLEMS ?

3. PRESERVATION SOCIETY REPORT ======> JOHN ELLIOT

4. WATER MEETING ======> LES?

5. POT LUCK ======> MARY COCHRUN

6. ADJOURN

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7. NPS ASSESSOR---- ONLY IF PARKS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THIS

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